



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Curiel *et al.*

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EXAMINER:

Wehbe, A.M.S.

FOR: Adenoviral Vector Encoding Pro-  
Apoptotic Bax Gene and Uses  
Thereof

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed August 28,  
2002, please enter the following amendments and remarks.  
Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully  
requested.

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AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

3. (twice amended) A method of treating an individual  
having a neoplastic disease, comprising the step of administering to  
said individual a composition comprising an inducible recombinant  
adenoviral vector encoding a pro-apoptotic *bax* gene which is placed  
downstream of a loxP excision cassette and a vector encoding a